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To Whom It May Concern,

It is a pleasure to recommend Matt Palmer for your consideration. I am his high school counselor and have known him for the past 3 1/2 years. Matt's quick smile, helpfulness and considerable intellect are only a few of the reasons I admire him. He is a delight to work with. His quiet confidence and sincerity work like a magnet with his teachers and peers.

Matt has been active in the Service High community since his freshman year. Matt has played four years for our school's hockey team, earning a varsity letter both his junior and senior years. He has played hockey in the community for the past 13 years. Matt has held captain and assistant captain positions during his 8th, 11th and currently 12th grade years. He has been on a State Championship team four times and has made two national championship appearances. Matt was a track and field team member his 10th grade year and enjoys mountain biking, backpacking and downhill skiing.

Matt is a member of the chess club, tech students association, and was inducted into National Honor Society during his 10th grade year. At the end of his junior year, he was selected to attend Boy's State and was elected commissioner of Commerce and Economic Development. Matt has earned an academic letter with six gold stars for the semesters that have followed. He has been named to Who's Who in American High School Students three years in a row. He was also selected as the Benton Bay Lions Club and Alaska Sports Broadcasting Network Student of the Semester.

Matt has chosen the most academically challenging courses we offer. One only has to view his current school transcript to see evidence of his hard work and intellect. He scored a 4 on both the AP Language and Microeconomics test and a 3 on the Macroeconomics test. Matt has proven his ability to balance a challenging academic load, socialize and be a friend as well as pursue hockey interests. There's not a boastful bone in his body. In fact, one would have to pry and ask the right questions to discover all that I've mentioned in this letter.

Last spring, Matt and another friend (as junior honor graduate assistants) helped me with the huge task of organizing graduation. I depended on the two of them to set up our gym for graduation practice for over 500 graduates and then stay with me until the end of the day cleaning up and putting away all the equipment. It was a relief to me to be able to depend on the two of them as I did. Yes, Matt is a great student and athlete, but more importantly he is kind, helpful, dependable and definitely not afraid to get his hands dirty.

His proven leadership abilities and work ethic have helped him build a foundation that will become an asset for his future goals. I believe his concern for others is genuine and the driving force behind Matt. It is a pleasure to recommend him for your consideration. Please call with any questions you may have.

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